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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 4th March 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Prohibition offences in Ramakrishnapuram.

* 1069 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the residents of Ramakrishnapuram, Madras, alleging harassment by the police in connexion with the prohibition cases during April 1954; and

(*b*) the number of cases filed against the residents of the locality in that connexion on 3rd and 4th April 1954?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Three cases on 3rd April 1954 and no cases on 4th April 1954."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" அந்தப் பிரதேசத்தில் ஒரு குற்றமும் செய்யாத ஹரிஜனங்களின் வீடுகளைத் திறக்கச் செய்து 30 பேர்களுக்கு மேல் போலிசாரால் ரிமாண்டில் வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். ஒரு கேசிலும் சம்பந்தப்படாதவர்கள் வீட்டைத் திறக்கச் செய்து, அங்குள்ளவர்களைக் கைது செய்வது போன்ற வேலைகள் இந்த ராஜ்யம் பூராவும் பல இடங்களில் நடக்கின்றன. இதைப்பற்றி கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் விசாரிக்கச் செய்து குற்றம் செய்தவர்களை மட்டும் கைது செய்யும்படி ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" குற்றம் செய்த மூன்று பேர்களுக்கு பத்து ரூபாய் வீதம் அபராதம் போடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அந்த இடம் எப்பொழுதுமே திருட்டுச் சாராயம் காய்ச்சக்கூடிய இடம் என்பது எல்லோருக்குமே தெரிந்த விஷயம். போலிசார்கள் அத்து மீறி காரியங்களைச் செய்ததாக தகவல் சர்க்காருக்கு வரவில்லை."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is the promotion of these prohibition officers closely connected with the number of cases detected by them and if so, do the Government make it a conclusive criterion? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No, Sir. Their services will be appreciated and that is all."

Supply of pump-sets to ryots.

* 1070 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the pump-sets manufactured in the State are supplied to the ryots when oil engines are supplied under the hire-purchase system?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir."

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether it is not a fact that previously the pump-sets manufactured in our State were not supplied along with oil engines when we got oil engines on a hire purchase system? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would request the hon. Member to meet and discuss with me sometime later and I shall explain to him the wholething."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" As we are having enough number of pump-sets manufactured in Coimbatore, may I request the Government to supply only the pump-sets of Coimbatore origin instead of importing them from North India so that our ryots may be benefited in the matter of price? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the Government are examining that question."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know how many concerns here manufacture oil engines which are supplied on a hire purchase system? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Eighty per cent of the requirements are supplied from out of the Indian products. I do not have with me just now particulars regarding the number of firms which manufacture these engines."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is there great difference in the price of local and imported products and if so, will not local sentiment overlook the price factor for the purchase of cheaper non-local products and therefore will the Hon. Minister not prohibit the import of such products from outside."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That is why there is the system of contract list where only engines and pump-sets which are certified to be good are included."

Bridge on the Pollachi-Trichur road.

* 1071 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether estimates were prepared to construct a bridge at 18/1 mile on the Pollachi-Trichur Road (Malabar side) two years ago;

(*b*) if so, whether the bridge has been constructed; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The bridge will be completed and opened for public traffic before the end of March 1955."